

Board of Directors Minutes
February 13, 2014
8:00 –9:30

Members and Guests Present: Marilyn Canavan, Ernie Grolimund (guest), Sally Harwood, Mike Heavener, Elery Keene, Clough Toppan, Linda Woods

Elery motioned to accept the minutes from January with the following correction under Old Business: the word *nominate* should be *elect*. Sally seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Financial Report:

The city account has \$1803.71.

There is \$2719.23 in the checkbook. The bill for the annual meeting has not been paid. Some of these funds are designated for the Mid Maine Climate Adaptation Working Group. Sally motioned to move \$300 from the check book to the City account. Elery seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Fundraising Committee Report:

The Fundraising Committee has not met.

Linda reported that we postponed applying for the Maine Initiatives grant until 2015. We do not have adequate recordkeeping to meet the requirements.

Coordinator's Report:

Public Outreach:

Thirty-three people attended SMMC's fifth annual meeting, including one man who called himself a "climate skeptic." We took in \$140 in donations that will be used to cover expenses for the food purchased at Barrels Community Market. Starbucks donated the coffee.

Clough wrote SMMC's February column in *The Sentinel* that appeared on February 11. It is posted on the web site. Marilyn is writing the March column about SMMC's many accomplishments.

Elery summarized a presentation at Rotary by John Christie & Naomi Schalit. He wondered if they would be interested in hearing about SMMC.

Action Item:

Marilyn: Contact Jennifer Rooks about featuring SMMC.

Communications:

The team leaders met on February 6 at the Winslow Town Office. They decided not to meet monthly. No future meeting date was established.

Mid Maine Climate Adaptation Working Group:

The Mid Maine Climate Adaptation Working Group has changed the date of their Energy briefing to March 20 or 27. Their next meeting is February 20 at 4:30 in the Winslow Town Office.

Climate Change Policy Team:

The Climate Change Policy Team met in January, and Jane Edwards coached team members on how to stay up-to-date with legislative committees' agendas. Ernie Grolimund & Dick Thomas wrote separate papers about unsafe conditions from burning wood. Members of the team decided it is not the team's role to be an activist for this, so referred Ernie to other organizations. Their next meeting is February 24 at 6:30 at the Winslow Public Library.

Education:

The Education Team will be starting Learning Circles in April with Susan MacKenzie. They are working with Robert Gorrill of MEANS to create a garden at the Homeless Shelter. Funds for this will come from a \$500 grant from Inland Hospital. They met with Peter Garrett to discuss window inserts. Their next meeting is Wednesday, March 5 at 1:00 at Barrels Community Market.

Energy:

Mike Heavener, John Reuthe, Ken Fletcher, and Tom Tietenberg are working on a grant from Efficiency Maine Trust. This will be similar to what was done with SMMC Residential Energy Program. Fairfield and Oakland may participate. They are hoping to use the natural gas TIF money for a similar purpose. Their next meeting is with Revision Energy on Thursday, March 13 at 4:00 in Winslow Town Office.

Local Foods Team:

The Local Foods Team has not met. They will be sending a Doodle poll because they have a lot to discuss.

Sally & Mike H met with Tina Chapman of United Way about food storage issues. Mike will be contacting Hannaford's about helping.

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team:

The Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team has been asked by Inland Hospital to provide composting services and to assist with non-bottled water distribution at Women's Wellness on April 5. They are working with the Chamber of Commerce to finalize the "Green Seal" program for businesses. Steve Aucoin from the Alford Youth Center hopes the team will help establish a recycling program. Ross found a potential grant to purchase recycle totes. Their next meeting is Thursday, February 13 at 11:30 at Jin Yuan.

Transportation Team:

The Transportation Team did not meet in January. They are meeting with Active Communities Environment on February 27 at 4:00 in KVCOG.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting: To increase attendance, it was suggested that we have the annual meeting on a week day starting at 5:00. We will consider doing this next year.

Fund Raising: Sally led a section on fundraising at the annual meeting and got several ideas. Ross Nason, Peter Garrett, Jennifer Kierstead, Bonnie Sammons, Alyssa Nason, and Marilyn Canavan signed up to be on a fundraising committee.

Action Item:

Linda: Create a Doodle poll to establish a fundraising meeting date

Review of Bylaws: We began a review of the Bylaws. More time needs to be devoted to this. Most important seems to be creating an infrastructure for a budget that will help us apply for grants. Sally motioned to purchase Quicken to use for our bookkeeping. Elery seconded. Marilyn, Elery, and Clough volunteered to create a proposal for revisions of the Bylaws to present to the entire Board at the March meeting.

Action Items:

Linda: Ask Mike R for a copy of the packet that went to IRS & distribute it to Board members

Linda: Attach a highlighted version of the Bylaws with the minutes

Everyone: Read the attached version of the Bylaws. If you have any concerns about the attached version, contact Clough. <wctoppan@roadrunner.com>

Mike: Research Quicken and advise Linda as to the purchase

The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, March 13 at 8:00** in the **Mayor's Conference Room**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Woods, Coordinator

Elery Keene, Secretary